CSCS SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES (SAC)

DATE: Monday, January 14, 2019  TIME: 7:00 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Philip Balem, Elizabeth Garcia Beckford, Sandy Stachura, Hayde Lalog Kapish, Julyn Brisson, Sheri Snow Cirilo, Gary Springer, Jodi Robins, Elizabeth Shipe, Caroline Martin, Daniela Morales

MEMBERS ABSENT: Maria Manoli, Anna Van Helden

Chair Elizabeth Shipe welcomed everyone to the meeting. Mrs. Shipe asked for approval of the minutes for the December 2018 SAC meeting. Philip Balem motioned to approve the minutes, Caroline Martin seconded the motion. The minutes were approved.

NEW SAC BOARD MEMBER: Richelle Reid will no longer be on the SAC Board for the School/Instructional position, as she has moved to another school. Daniela Morales was nominated for the available School/Instructional position, Philip Balem motioned to approve, Sheri Snow Cirilo seconded the motion and the committee approved to add Ms. Morales to the SAC Board.

PRINCIPAL’S REPORT – Mr. Springer provided the following updates:

- Mr. Springer welcomed everyone back to school. NWEA winter benchmark results should be in soon and he should have data to present at the February SAC meeting, as well as data from the parent surveys that were completed before winter break.
- We are continuing to implement and refine our curriculum plans and the administration is currently in the budgeting process for next year, as well as planning curriculum for next year. He also discussed changes going on with the City of Coral Springs as the city is also involved with our planning for next year.
- Curriculum update was presented by Jodi Robins, HS Assistant Principal. Saturday tutoring programs to help students prepare for the upcoming FSA and End of Course exams have begun. We have also started our SAT/ACT prep classes that run for eight Saturday sessions. We had a good turn-out of students who are interested in preparing for the SAT/ACT or improving their scores.
- Some changes in next year’s curriculum for Middle School includes creating smaller classes for our intensive Math and Language arts classes. We would like to have classes of 12 to 14 students to provide more individualized instruction to assist these students. We are also looking at modifying our elective options for Middle School, such as offering full year versus half year electives, providing Business electives that offer an opportunity to earn certifications, and adding a speech/debate elective for Middle School.
- Course selection is coming up. Students will be instructed to select their courses on Powerschool and then Guidance Counselors will meet with each student to review their selections. **One change for High School:** Students will not have the option to select their math class on Powerschool. Student will be placed in their math classes by Administration. We will look at student needs, math skills, past performance in math classes and test scores to determine the best math course placement for each student. Mr. Springer stated that our curriculum planning is geared toward providing opportunity for teachers and students to grow.
• School relocation: Mr. Springer stated that plans are underway with the City of Coral Springs for the relocation of Coral Springs Charter School. With that in mind, our strategic planning includes the potential relocation and an increase in student enrollment. However, we want to maintain the close, tight-knit community that we have created at Coral Springs Charter. We will continue to have grades 6 through 12 in the same building at our new location. Our High School curriculum model will change by offering instructional pathways based on specific courses/disciplines, such as Business, Global Science Solutions, Innovation, and Cambridge Studies. These tracks are designed for students to choose the topic area/discipline that they want to pursue. Our mission is to provide an innovative learning environment that will advance our curriculum and provide the skills our students will need in today’s world.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: None

MOTION TO DISMISS: Philip Balem made a motion to dismiss. Caroline Martin seconded the motion. The meeting was dismissed.

NEXT MEETING: The next SAC meeting will be held on Monday, February 25, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.